



2003

Missouri State Library Calendar and Annual Report

Matt Blunt
Secretary of State



The Library Station, Springfield-Greene County Library

January 2003

December 2002

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Schlafly Branch, St. Louis Public Library

February 2003

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	American History Month		Black History Month		Library Lovers Month		Chinese New Year
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	Groundhog Day	First paper money issued in America, 1690	Missouri Library Legislative Day		Missouri Summer Reading Program Workshop	Missouri Summer Reading Program Workshop	
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			(Eid) al Adha		First public school in America (Boston Latin School) founded, 1635	Valentine's Day	
			Missouri State Library's Winter Institute 11-14	Lincoln's Birthday			
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				Missouri Summer Reading Program Workshop	Missouri Summer Reading Program Workshop		
				Missouri Digitization Conference 19-20		Wolfner Advisory Council Meeting	
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History has a way of taking revenge on those who think the past is irrelevant.			Missouri Summer Reading Program Workshop		Secretary's Council on Library Development Meeting		Missouri Lifelong Learning Month
Paul Starr							



Loading books for the blind in St. Louis, ca. 1930s

March 2003

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Missouri Supreme Court Library, Jefferson City

April 2003

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Notes	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	National Poetry Month		April Fools' Day	International Children's Book Day			Secretary of State's Committee on Services to Disabled Missourians Meeting
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	Daylight Savings Time begins			First tax-supported library founded in New Hampshire, 1833	International Special Librarians Day		
	National Library Week 6-12				Association of College & Research Libraries National Conference 10-13		
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		Webster's first dictionary published, 1828		Passover 16-23		Good Friday	
	Palm Sunday	Young People's Poetry Week 14-21					
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
			Earth Day	Administrative Professionals Day	First seeing eye dogs used, 1938		
				World Book and Copyright Day	Arbor Day		
	Easter			Catholic Library Association Annual Convention 22-25	Missouri Conference on History 24-26		
	27	28	29	30			
All that matters is what we do for each other. Lewis Carroll		First edition of Peter Roget's Thesaurus published, 1852		St. Louis Storytelling Festival 30-May 3			School Library Media Month



The Library Express, St. Charles City-County Library

May 2003

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Notes	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Get Caught Reading Month	National Book Month	Older Americans Month		Mother Goose Day	Medical Library Association Annual Conference 2–7	World Press Freedom Day
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		Cinco de Mayo					
		Reading Is Fun Week 4–11					
		International Reading Association Convention 4–8					
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Mother's Day	National Library Legislative Day 12–13	First American printing press patented, 1821	U.S. Constitution drafted, 1787	Secretary's Council on Library Development Meeting	Wolfner Advisory Council Meeting	Lewis & Clark begin exploration of Louisiana Purchase, 1804
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Reading, unlike grade school and the other educational time periods that follow it, is a lifetime apprenticeship. There is no graduation and no piece of paper awarded at the conclusion of one's mortal days—only the satisfaction, one hopes, of having read well to the very end. John Mark Eberhart							Armed Forces Day
	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
		Memorial Day		Book Expo America 28–June 1			U.S. copyright law enacted, 1790



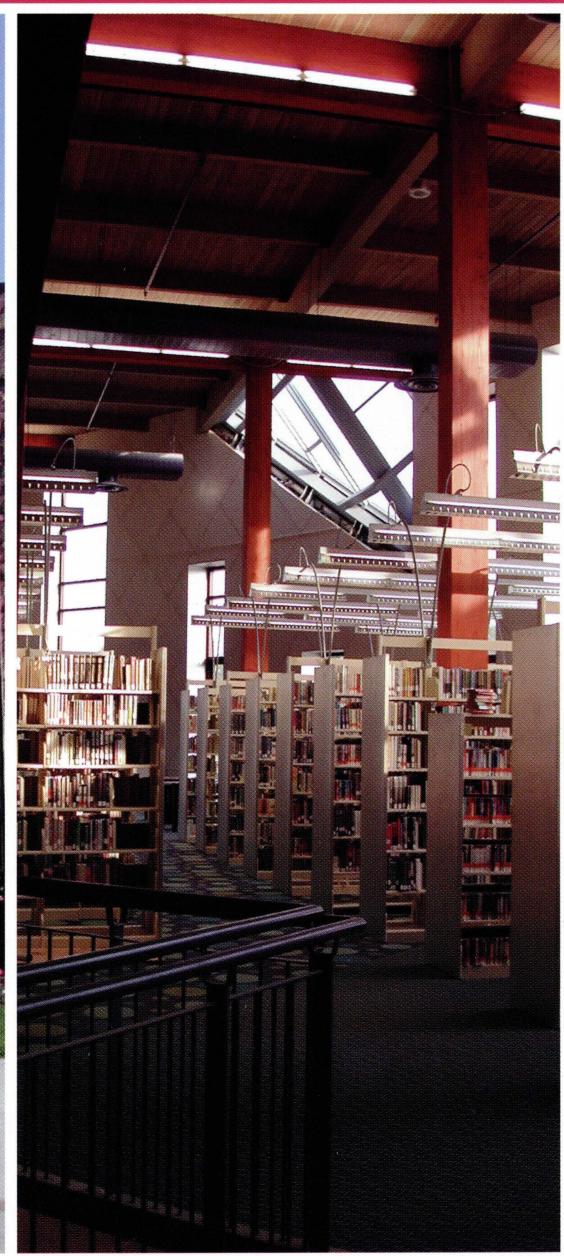
Children using Gates computers at Daviess County Library in Gallatin

Courtesy of Jan Johnson

June 2003

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<i>Father's Day</i>							
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<i>I love deadlines. I love the whooshing sound they make as they fly by.</i> <i>Douglas Adams</i>			<i>Why shouldn't we quarrel about a word? What is the good of words if they aren't important enough to quarrel over? Why do we choose one word more than another if there isn't any difference between them?</i>				<i>G.K. Chesterton</i>



Headquarters of the Daniel Boone Regional Library

July 2003

June							August						
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Notes	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	<i>The public is the only critic whose opinion is worth a damn.</i> Mark Twain			<i>National Literacy Day</i>		<i>Independence Day</i>	
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			<i>Congress authorizes registration of trademarks, 1870</i>				<i>American Association of Law Libraries Annual Conference 12-16</i>
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	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
<i>What the world of tomorrow will be like is greatly dependent on the power of imagination in those who are learning to read today.</i> Astrid Lindgren	27	28	29	30	31		<i>National Parks & Recreation Month</i>
				<i>First paperback books hit the market, 1935</i>			



Missouri library demonstration project, ca. 1940s

August 2003

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Notes	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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							<i>Formal signing of the Declaration of Independence, 1776</i>
			<i>If someone reads a book so intensely that the book is bruised, it is flattering to the book.</i> Herbert Kohl				<i>First U.S. Census, 1790</i>
	3	4	5	6	7	8	<i>International Federation of Library Associations & Institutions General Conference 1-9</i>
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	<i>Feast day of St. Lawrence the Librarian</i>		<i>Thomas Edison Invents the phonograph & makes the first sound recording, 1877</i>				<i>IBM introduces software for artificial intelligence, 1988</i>
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
<i>The poets are always there before us.</i> Freud	31						
			<i>Women's Equality Day</i>				



Duane G. Meyer Library, Southwest Missouri State University

September 2003

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Notes	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	Library Card Sign-up Month	Labor Day					
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	Television first demonstrated, 1927	International Literacy Day			Secretary's Council on Library Development Meeting		
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
		Hispanic Heritage Month (ends October 15)			First issue of the New York Times published, 1851		Banned Books Week 20-27
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
			First Day of Autumn			Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown	Rosh Hashanah
	28	29	30				
When an old person dies, a library burns. African proverb			Feast day of St. Jerome, patron saint of libraries		Nothing will take the place of a shelf full of books by one's own chair.		A. Edward Nelson



North Kansas City Public Library / High School Media Center



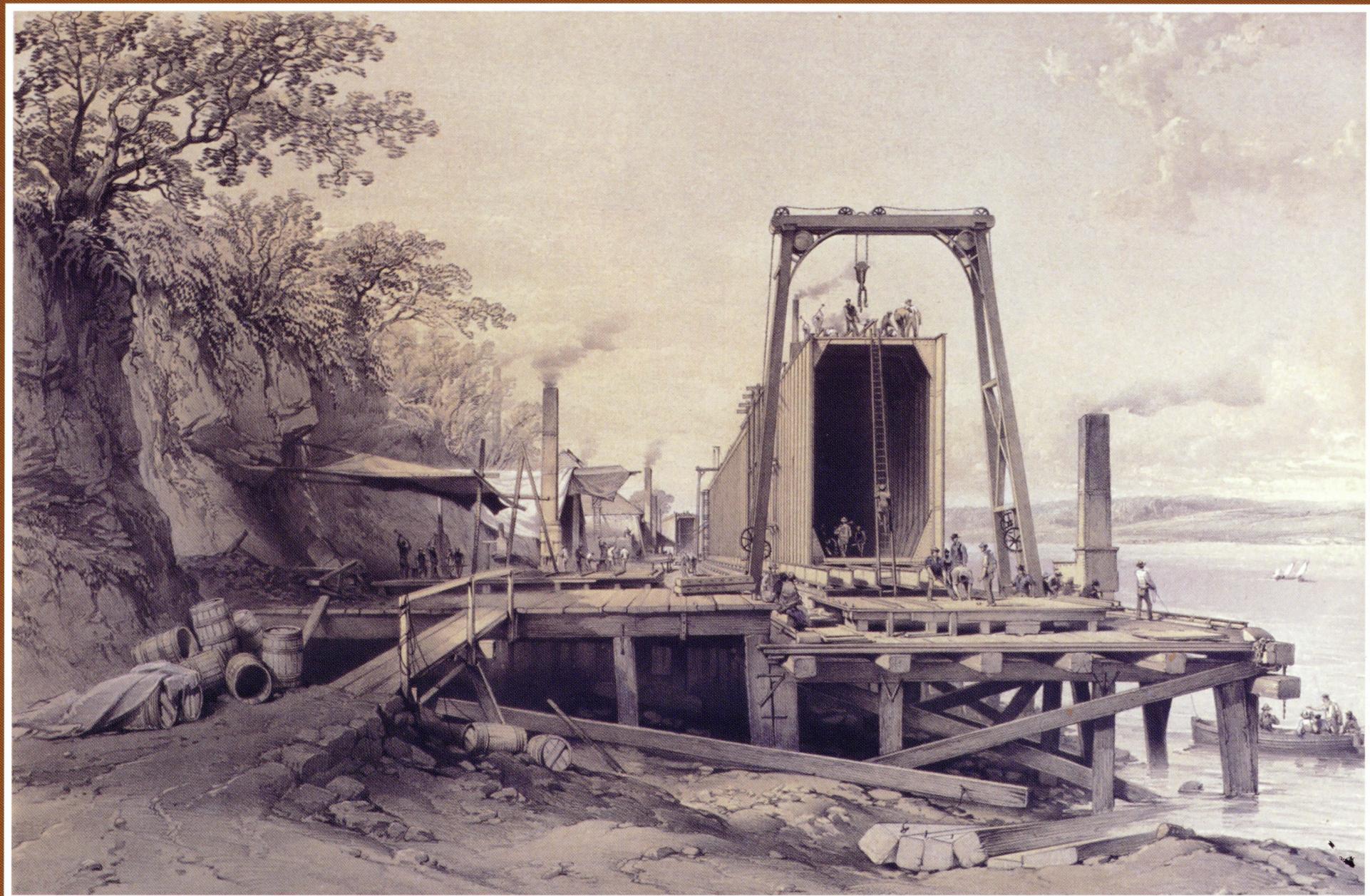
Carnegie Public Library, Shelbina

Courtesy of Shelbina Democrat

October 2003

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	National Arts & Humanities Month	National Medical Librarians Month		Missouri Library Association Annual Conference			National Book Festival
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Yom Kippur begins at sundown		American Library Association founded, 1876 Yom Kippur					
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Columbus Day		Columbus Day Observed		National Boss Day	Black Poetry Day		
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Teen Read Week 19-25				United Nations Day	Postcards first used in the U.S., 1870		
If we don't believe in freedom of expression for people we despise, we don't believe in it at all. Noam Chomsky	26	27	28	29	30	31	
Daylight Saving Time ends		Federalist Papers first published, 1787 Ramadan 27-Nov. 25		First Carnegie grant to a Missouri public library (Sedalia), 1899	Halloween		



"Britannia Bridge" from *Knight's American Mechanical Dictionary*, by Edward H. Knight, 1877
from the collection of Linda Hall Library of Science, Technology & Engineering – Kansas City

November 2003

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December 2003

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		First Day of Advent			Missouri Public Library Directors Meeting 4-5		6
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	Pearl Harbor Rememberance Day			Melvil Dewey Day	Secretary's Council on Library Development Meeting		
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
					Hanukkah begins at sundown		
					Poor Richard's Almanack first published, 1732		
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You think your pain and your heartbreak are unprecedented in the his- tory of the world, but then you read. It was books that taught me that the things that tormented me most were the very things that connected me with all the people who were alive, or had ever been alive. James Baldwin	New York World publishes first crossword puzzle, 1913	First Day of Winter	Transistor Invented, 1947		Christmas	Kwanzaa 26-Jan. 1	
	28	29	30	31			
				New Year's Eve			
					Universal Human Rights Month		



James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center, Secretary of State's Office

Missouri State Library: FY2002 Annual Report

July 1, 2001—June 30, 2002

With support from Secretary of State Matt Blunt, the State Library initiated many new programs during FY02 which increased Missourians' access to library resources and services. From outreach to new immigrants to addressing the needs of Missouri's youth and senior populations, the State Library promotes the importance of libraries to all age groups and to the state's economic and cultural development.

Wolfner Library celebrates 70th anniversary

In its 70th year with the National Library Service, Wolfner Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped observed milestones in both quality and quantity of services:

- With guidance from the youth services librarian and the volunteer coordinator, Wolfner Library began an ongoing project of producing print/braille books—picture books with brief text to which braille has been added, allowing sighted and visually impaired people to read together. Volunteers completed 25 print/braille books in FY02.
- Through Wolfner's recording program, volunteers recorded 35 children's books, five young adult books, and two adult books. Books selected for recording include the Missouri children's book award winners and nominees, children's and adult books by Missouri authors, or those related to the state.
- NFB-NEWSLINE, a touch-tone telephone service that "reads" text from daily newspapers, became available statewide through an 800 telephone number. Both state and national newspapers are offered through the service. In addition to the *St. Louis Post Dispatch* and the *Kansas City Star*, the *Columbia Daily Tribune* also became available through the NFB-NEWSLINE service.

- Research and preparation for the adoption of a new computer system continued throughout the year. The new system will make use of recent technology, and enable Wolfner Library to offer improved service to patrons. For example, Wolfner Library staff will be able to automatically send series books in order and have the capacity to tailor reading preferences more specifically.
- Wolfner sponsored two summer reading programs: one for children and one for young adults. For the first time, participants counted the number of minutes they read instead of the number of books read. The goal was to foster the habit of daily reading. A total of 104 youth registered for the program. The children read a total of 77,651 minutes, and the young adults, 108,183 minutes.

Wolfner Library statistics—FY02

Number of patrons: 18,178

Circulation of books and magazines: 533,116

Mini-bibliographies distributed in large print, braille or cassette format: 2,015

Bi-Folkal Kits distributed: 176

Growth in service to state government

The Reference Services Division became a member of the Missouri Bibliographic Information User System (MOBIUS), which is a consortium of 50 academic libraries throughout the State of Missouri. This consortium provides an integrated online library system which includes a centralized online union catalog of the holdings of all of its members. Patrons of the member libraries can obtain books from any library in the consortium by direct user borrowing. During FY02, Reference Services staff, with the guidance of consortium office staff, began the work necessary to migrate from the library's existing in-house system to the MOBIUS system. The plan is to be using all modules of the system by the end of FY03.

For some time, staff of Reference Services have been evaluating each book in the collection and removing those which are dated or do not fit with the library's current mission to serve state government. The collection is leaner but more relevant. When this project is complete, a concerted effort will be made to develop the print collection.

A number of online information databases were made available to state officials and employees as Reference Services began to provide more services to clientele at their desktops. Some subscriptions only allow access from the State Library, so these databases are used by staff members to answer research questions for state officials and employees.

Because many state officials and employees are not fully aware of the extent of State Library services, reference staff began a new promotion effort by adding a "last page" to the Keeping Up service. This addition features a different service or source of information each week. Monthly annotations of new books are also distributed this way, as well as published on the Web.

Staff recorded 22,722 visits to the Info-to-Go website, 473 subscribers to the table of contents service, 8,616 pages of "Keeping Up," and 2,189 interlibrary loan requests with a 99% fill rate.

Gates library program in Missouri

Missouri public libraries received equipment and training valued at \$4.5 million through the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's U.S. Library Program. Two hundred and twenty main libraries and library branches received cash grants for computer hardware, software, training, and technical support. State Library staff served as liaison with the Gates Foundation for the Missouri grants, assisted public libraries in development of their grant applications, and worked with libraries to set up training sessions.

The Gates Foundation also funded seven supplemental training labs across the state. The labs are available for use by the State Library and local libraries to train staff and patrons. Locations include Bonne Terre Memorial Library, Camden County Library, Daviess County Library, Keller Library of Dexter, Little Dixie Regional Libraries, Nevada Public Library, and West Plains Public Library.

Four Gates trainers visited Missouri in FY02 to provide seven "Before Your Computer Arrives" training sessions for grant recipients.

Missouri Census Data Center

Since most Census 2000 data from the federal government is being released in electronic format, the Missouri Census Data Center (MCDC) published print copies of Census 2000 information for Missouri towns, counties, and metropolitan areas. Production of these bound volumes was made possible by a special appropriation from the state legislature. The volumes were distributed free of charge to MCDC affiliates, public libraries, planning and data divisions in state agencies, and other data users. The center also produced the second edition of "Missouri by the Numbers," a brochure created for wide distribution, and *Missouri 1900–2000: A Century of Change*, a publication in magazine format highlighting demographic change in the state during the 20th century.

Census 2000 block areas were matched to newly redistricted state legislative districts, public library districts, and other Missouri-specific geographies not considered standard areas for data release by the U.S. Census Bureau. This work made it possible to create accurate population counts and generate demographic profiles from Census 2000 for these areas.

A statewide census conference—hosted by the center and conducted annually to help people understand, use, and apply census information—was held during September.

Literacy activities

- A State Library-sponsored survey of literacy activities in public libraries indicated that the strongest literacy outreach of Missouri public libraries is support for developing literacy in children. Libraries also participate in a variety of other local literacy support efforts and partnerships.
- In the spring, the State Library sponsored a library literacy pre-conference as part of Literacy Leap, the statewide literacy conference facilitated by LIFT-Missouri, the state literacy resource center.
- Family Nights at the Library continued with more than 20 literacy-related evenings for children and parents in five library systems.
- Literacy Gatherings were held in the fall so librarians could share ideas and discuss the many ways libraries support literacy in the communities they serve and learn about literacy developments such as the new GED.
- The State Library maintained working relationships with literacy organizations including Literacy Investment for Tomorrow, the Missouri Family Literacy Initiative Consortium, the Equipped for the Future adult education initiative, and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.
- For the first time, literacy materials were included as part of the summer reading program.

State Library completes LSTA evaluation

The State Library submitted its *Evaluation of Use of Library Services & Technology Act Funding in Missouri 1998–2002* to the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). The 55-page evaluation assesses LSTA projects resulting from Missouri's five-year state plan for the federal fiscal years 1998–2002. It details progress made in the provi-

sion of technology to libraries, access to information through technology, targeted library programs, staff training, and cooperation among libraries. Statewide projects and the competitive grant program receive separate analyses, and a selected group of projects receive in-depth reviews. A chronology of competitive grants and a complete listing of continuing education courses are also included.

IMLS commended the State Library staff for its thorough examination of the Missouri federal library program.

Show Me the World expands library services for Missourians

With funds from the Library Services and Technology Act, the State Library launched Show-Me the World in FY02. This program offers public libraries expanded access to an integrated set of electronic services: a statewide license for the WorldCat database, a records-loading program, and an improved interlibrary loan system. Some of these services are paid for entirely by federal funds, some require a local match, and others are offered at a discounted price for purchase by libraries. Show-Me the World gives Missouri public library patrons access to the collections of libraries across the state and improved interlibrary loan services.

Preserving the state's cultural heritage

Through the Virtually Missouri project, the State Library supports centralized Web access to the digitized special collections of archives, historical societies, libraries, and museums across the state. Missouri is one of only a few states to provide this service. Cultural institutions can enter information about their special collections into a statewide inventory, provide digitized images from these collections, and view guidelines about the digital issues of copyright, scanning, and metadata. Web users now have electronic access to a wealth of interesting collections ranging from Ozark folk songs and old Kansas City

postcards to rare botanical materials and Mississippi Valley architecture. New collections are added monthly to this website (www.virtuallymissouri.org).

New grant programs focus on youth, literacy, and digital preservation

The Library Services and Technology Act supported the establishment of three new grant programs in FY02:

- **After School Connections** enables public libraries to provide after school experiences for young people in grades four through eight who do not traditionally use the library. Programs focus on developing reading skills, introducing library services and stimulating their use, and presenting opportunities for positive interactions with peers and adults.
- **Digital Imaging** grants improve the public's access to cultural heritage collections and serve as models for best practices and standards for the selection, digital capture, storage, and Web-delivery of documents and images.
- **English as a Second Language Conversation Practice Groups** provide conversational English practice and exposure and complement formal English classes. The grants help learners to practice their new language skills in a realistic environment with an English-speaking U.S. citizen in a "conversation club" or with a conversation partner.

Continuing education and training

The delivery of high-quality continuing education for library staff and trustees is a State Library priority. Training opportunities are available for all levels of library staff, and the amount of training increases each year. Several new programs and projects were introduced in FY02.

- Responding to a long-expressed need, the State Library developed an electronic continuing education calendar in cooperation with the Missouri Library Association. Library staff can use the calendar to post local or statewide library conferences, workshops, and meetings and find out about continuing education programs throughout the state. They can also do custom searches by category, sponsor, description, city, or date.
- The State Library presented its first Winter Institute, which offered two classes of "Basic Library Skills." Seventy Missouri library staff attended the classes.
- A Trustee Academy provided "basic training" to help trustees oversee their libraries effectively and efficiently. Ninety-eight trustees learned about board and library director responsibilities, planning and role setting, Missouri library law, budget and finance, personnel laws, planning and policy development, and staff development.
- "Media Relations for Missouri Librarians," a series of five regional workshops, offered "tricks of the trade" for librarians to use in interviews with the media, in press releases, and public forums. The 91 attendees rated the workshops highly for their usefulness and practicality.
- The Summer Institute, again a resounding success, provided "Basic Library Skills" and four advanced courses: Library Services for Older Adults, Organizing Library Material, Reference Services, and User Friendly Libraries. One hundred and thirty-two library staff enrolled in the institute.

Youth and senior services

"2001 Places to Go" and "Book Your Summer" were the themes of the children's and teen summer library programs. More than 90,000 young people took part in programs using the statewide themes at their public libraries. The children's program attracted 84,645 partic-



First-place winner in the Springfield-Greene County Library's first annual photo contest, Spring 2002.

Courtesy of Lee Ann Russell

MISSOURI SOUTHERN STATE COLLEGE LIBRARY

ipants, and the teen program, 5,736. State Library staff work with a committee of librarians to develop themes, select artists, compile program manuals, and distribute graphic materials.

A series of "Trade Secrets" workshops afforded public and school librarians the opportunity to discuss common issues and share ideas for programs, services, and promotions. The fall workshops brought together 59 librarians at five locations across the state.

The State Library issued *Serving Seniors: A Resource Manual for Missouri Libraries* to assist libraries in building and improving services for Missourians age 60 and older. The 230-page manual was developed from suggestions made by the State Library's senior services task force as well as from librarians and social services providers. The manual was highlighted and praised in several national library publications as being a unique resource for librarians.

In conjunction with the senior services manual, the State Library conducted five "Senior Friendly Libraries" workshops. These workshops examined the needs of seniors, provided insight into the network of senior services agencies, and gave ideas for programs and services.

The State Library participated in the Heads-Up reading initiative organized by Head Start and made arrangements for public library involvement in the initiative. Heads-Up is a video course for childcare providers which teaches practices that promote literacy and future school success in group childcare settings.

Missouri Center for the Book

The 2002 Letters About Literature essay contest in Missouri attracted a record 1,400 student entries, making it among the top six states in number of participants. Eleven Missouri students received awards in the state contest; they received certificates and cash awards at a special ceremony in Jefferson City.

"Poetry in Missouri Public Libraries" was co-sponsored by the Missouri Center and the State Library. Attendees learned how to

develop new audiences for poetry through programs, improved poetry collections, and effective promotion.

The Missouri Center received a grant from the City of Columbia Office of Cultural Affairs in support of the Fifth Celebration of the Book, scheduled for FY03.

The Missouri Center's website (<http://books.missouri.org>) averaged 15,000 successful requests for pages each month. The comprehensive website offers information on all aspects of Missouri's literary heritage and "community of the book."

New partnerships benefit libraries and library users

Three partnerships with Missouri organizations bring library resources to new immigrants, children, and library staff. These new projects resulted from work by State Library staff with Verizon, the St. Louis Rams, and the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation.

Verizon has funded Bosnian Outreach Project that will reach Missouri's fast-growing Bosnian community in St. Louis. The project will help eliminate barriers Bosnian immigrants face as they seek to become integrated into U.S. culture. It will present translation of documents, such as a voters manual, from the Secretary of State's Office into Bosnian in a two-language format, and it will support a program of practice conversation partners for Bosnian immigrants as a supplement to formal English instruction.

The St. Louis Rams Foundation will encourage literacy and reading among young people in Missouri through community partnerships and grants to public libraries for the purchase of books.

The Kauffman Foundation provided training for librarians at the 2001 Missouri Library Association annual conference that focused on entrepreneurship and resources for business development.

State Librarian receives award

Missouri State Librarian Sara Parker received the 2001 Ronald G. Bohley Award, presented by the Missouri Library Association and the Missouri Library Network Corporation, for her efforts in promoting cooperation among Missouri libraries. During her career at the State Library, Parker has encouraged and initiated a variety of programs to promote library cooperative efforts, resource sharing through new technologies, and expanded services to disabled Missourians.

Secretary's Council advises on Library Development

The Secretary's Council on Library Development worked with the Secretary of State and the State Librarian to review policies and guidelines for grants, approve plans for state and federal funding, and discuss issues affecting Missouri libraries. The council met quarterly, and its meetings were open to the public.

State Library plans for the future

Throughout FY02, the State Librarian and State Library staff met with librarians and library groups on the development of a new five-year plan for future library development in Missouri. State Librarian, Sara Parker outlined three broad categories into which priority needs will be addressed: the library, the community, and the world. Missouri's plan for the next five years was submitted to the Institute of Museum and Library Services during the summer.

School library study underway

In FY02, the State Library joined with the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and the Missouri Association of School Librarians to undertake a major study of school library media centers. The study will use data collected by DESE,

correlated with the Missouri Assessment Program, to determine the relationship of school libraries to student achievement.

State support for public libraries

State Aid to Public Libraries	\$2,801,547
Equalization payments	929,315
Automation grants (8 libraries)	215,685
REAL Program	2,959,250
Athlete & entertainer tax fund	376,569

Population figures for state aid certification were based on the 2000 census state population of 5,109,641 in tax-supported public library districts. The Missouri Census Data Center matched census geography to public library district boundaries to calculate state aid.

FY02 federal funding for Missouri libraries

The federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds technology for information sharing and programs that make library resources more accessible to those who have difficulty using library services.

The State Library uses LSTA funds to support programs that address the needs of Missourians and meet the goals of its long-range plan, *Charting Missouri's Library Future into the New Century*. It funds statewide projects and a range of competitive grants to libraries and their partners.

After Schools Connections grants (4)	\$ 16,274
Bring in an Expert grants (12)	33,755
Continuing education and training	151,734
Department of Corrections	34,265
Digital Imaging grants (5)	68,903
ESL Conversation Partners Groups grants (5)	42,890
Library Cooperation grants (5)	39,295
Marketing Missouri Libraries	40,000

Planning and Standards grants (4)	38,365
Public Service Desk Computer grants (62)	233,292
Show-Me Steps grants (47)	20,828
Show-Me the World	615,316
Statewide Digitization Plan	182,223
Statewide Reference Service	120,000
Telecommunications	25,000
Videoconferencing Network (5 grants)	180,505
Total	\$1,842,645

REAL Program

The Remote Electronic Access for Libraries Program offers Internet access to Missouri citizens through public libraries across the state. Sponsored by the State Library, REAL enables Missourians to use the Internet for research, education, business, and recreation at their local libraries. In addition to Internet access, REAL offers access to online references sources such as EBSCOhost and NewsBank.

- 128 public libraries connected through REAL
- 219 dedicated connections
- 108 libraries with high-speed Internet connections
- 2.8 million searches using online reference sources in FY02

Library building projects—FY02

Missouri communities are enjoying a library building boom. From 2000 to 2001, 20 libraries have built new facilities or renovated and expanded existing buildings. Several major buildings were completed in 2001–2002, as well as a number of additions and renovation projects.

Barry-Lawrence Regional Library, Cassville Branch (new building)
 Bonne Terre Memorial Library (addition)
 Columbia Public Library, Daniel Boone Regional Library (new building)
 Hickory County Library (new building)
 Joseph R. Palmer Family Memorial Library, Elsberry (addition)
 Missouri River Regional Library, Osage County Branch (new building)
 North Kansas City Public Library/High School Media Center (new building)
 St. Louis County Library, Samuel C. Sachs Branch (new building)
 St. Louis Public Library: Carpenter Branch (renovation), Kingshighway Branch (new construction), Schlafly Branch (new building)
 Southwest Missouri State University, Duane G. Meyer Library (addition)
 Springfield-Greene County Library, Republic Branch (new building)
 Truman Presidential Museum and Library (renovation)
 Webster County Library, Rogersville Branch (renovation)

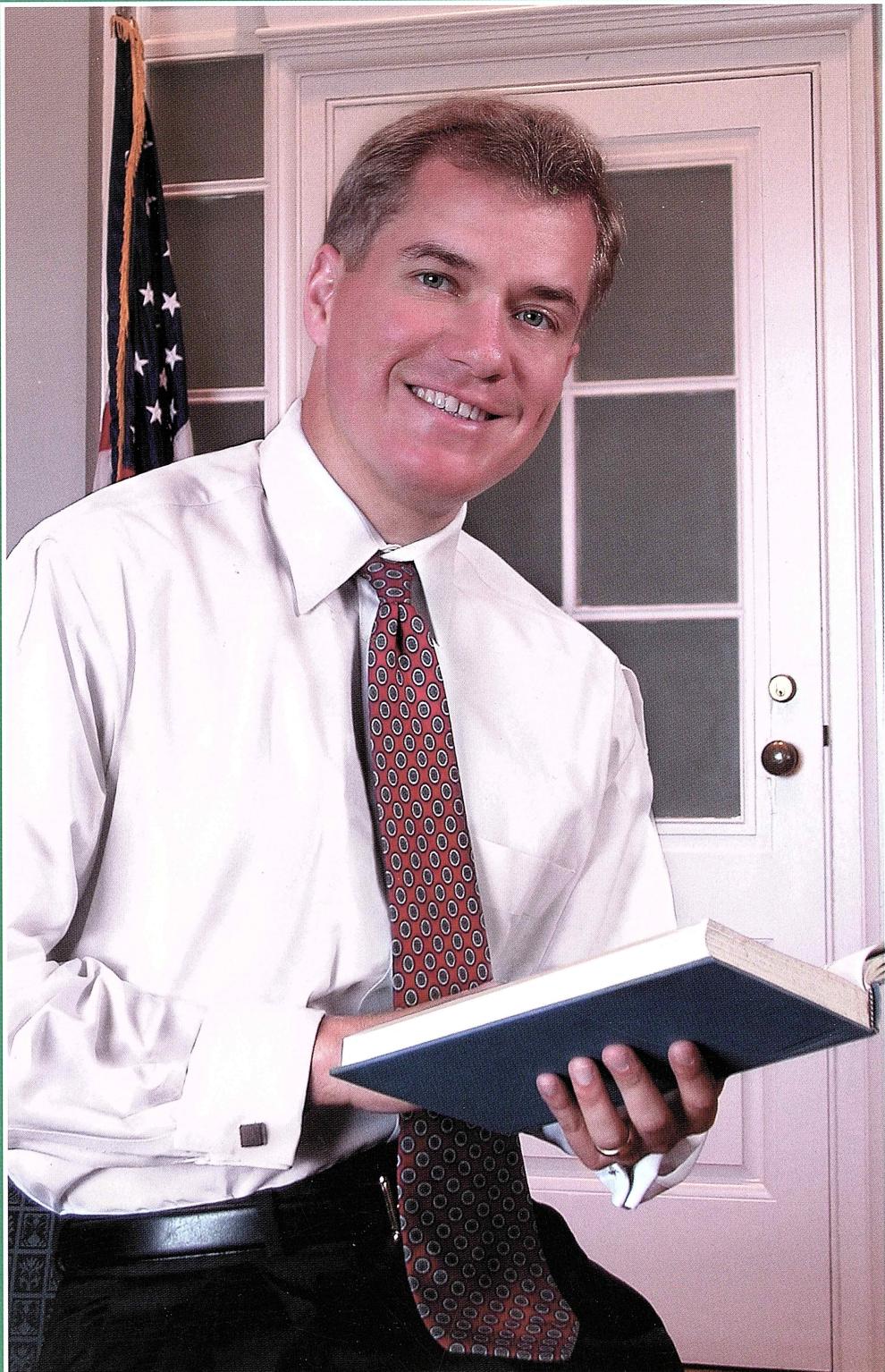
Scheduled for opening in 2003:

Kansas City Public Library: Main Library and Plaza Colonnade
 St. Charles City-County Library, The Library Express
 Springfield-Greene County Library, The Library Station
 Worth County Partnership Library

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Dear Fellow Missourians:

I am pleased to present the 2002 Missouri State Library Calendar and Annual Report. The State Library takes great pride in working with local and regional libraries to provide their patrons with quality resources, advice, and materials. My staff and I are committed to continuing and strengthening this long-standing relationship in the years ahead.

Inside this calendar you will see photographs depicting all types of Missouri libraries, both historical and contemporary. Meetings and special events sponsored by the State Library and national library organizations are noted on the appropriate date for your convenience. The annual report provides detailed information on projects undertaken by the State Library in FY2002, as well as a breakdown of funding sources provided by the state and federal government to Missouri libraries.

It is an honor to serve the people of Missouri, and your concerns are important to us. I invite you to contact our office at 573-751-2379 if you have any questions or suggestions regarding our services.

Sincerely,

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